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Keep Co. School Supt. elective!

REPORT
To Our Reader - Owners

MYSTERIOUS!

Deep, often inarticulate loyalty to one's family, union or country is something that some of us can understand without any use of elaborate reasoning. But there is another kind of loyalty, by no means inarticulate, which some of us need the help of either logicians or psychiatrists to understand: this is the loudly expressed loyalty of many good Americans to an aggregation of hired experts recruited from all parts of the country, imported to a city by an enterprising showman, given the name of that city and some carefully selected nickname, and put through their expensive paces at recurrent periods of mass excitement.

Sometimes, when their activities cease to be profitable in New York or Brooklyn, they are exported to San Francisco or Los Angeles as Giants or Dodgers; sometimes they are devised with much money and a little lagging imagination and by a final wave of the wand become the Oakland Senors.

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BRAND NAMES

Skill is a beautiful thing to behold, and it is not surprising that it is hired and that money is made exhibiting it, both by the man with the skill and the enterprising showman who hires the men with the skill and puts him on exhibition. Nor is it surprising that the newspapers, fearful that some few acres of forest may be left to our descendants unground into pulp for newsprint and that the supply of former girl friends of Errol Flynn may run out for page one display, should so frantically publicize these showmen's activities.

But the mystery remains: Why are so many of us expected to feel, and why do certainly some millions of us in this country actually feel, this passionate loyalty — except when they're losing! — for these animated brand names of commercial enterprises?

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SOMETIMES...

Sometimes a few labor people turn up who wish it were possible for more unionists to feel as deeply and to express as fully their love of their union.

Food Clerks 870 meet April 26 to nominate

On page 5 will be found an announcement of a meeting April 26 of Retail Food Clerks Local 870 to nominate delegates to attend the annual convention of the State Council of Retail Clerks in June of this year.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Warren's Court ruling arouses labor interest

Interest in the testimonial dinner for C. J. Haggerty, UC Regent and for years secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, was greatly increased this week when the news came of two important decisions on labor cases by the U. S. Supreme Court.

The proceeds of the $100 per plate dinner for Haggerty to be held May 19 at the Hotel Fairmont in San Francisco will go to the fund for the establishing of the Earl Warren Legal Center at UC in Berkeley. A similar dinner will be held May 23 at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

The Central Labor Council had authorized sending Secretary Robert S. Ash to the dinner in San Francisco, but after Ash called attention at the council meeting Monday night to two decisions the Supreme Court headed by Earl Warren as Chief Justice of the United States had that day handed down, it was enthusiastically voted to send two more representatives of the council, Assistant Secretaries Groulx and Hellender, at a hundred bucks apiece, to the San Francisco dinner.

Ash said that labor's interest throughout in the honoring of Warren through giving his name to the Legal Center had not been because of Warren's record as Governor, but because of his great record as Chief Justice, helping to move that venerated body toward decisions along the liberal line.

The two decisions handed down Monday have the effect of strengthening the right of unions to strike and to picket.

The first one, decided by a vote of 5 to 4, overturned lower court decisions, and held that a railroad union may not be enjoined from striking over de-

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Consumer credit conference May 5

Consumer credit, its uses and abuses, will be discussed at afternoon and evening sessions in San Francisco May 5, and at similar meetings in Fresno, El Centro, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Salinas on other dates, under the leadership of State Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson.

The place of meeting in San Francisco will be announced later. Consumers, business men, and community organizations are invited to attend, make statements, ask questions or observe.

Secretary - Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts of the California Labor Federation, urges the attendance of labor people.

15% jobless now here among building craftsmen, BTC told

Unemployment in the building crafts here now averages about 15%, Building Trades Council J. L. Childers reported to the delegates at their meeting this week.

Somewhat more in some crafts and somewhat less in others, he said, with some variation from week to week. But 15% has been about the average since he started the survey requested by the council some weeks ago.

Childers reminded the delegates that unemployment as a whole in the State averages over 6%, and that recently Governor Brown, because of this, had invoked the payment of supplemental unemployment benefits to those who had already received their regular benefits due to prolonged joblessness.

"There are some unions outside of the building trades that are even worse hit than we are," he added.

BTC Vice President Al Thoman reported that at the recent conference of business agents of the State Council of Carpenters widespread unemployment among members of that craft was reported.

When the question of buying $100 per plate tickets to the May 19 San Francisco testimonial dinner for C. J. Haggerty, who on April 1 became president of the AFLCIO Building Trades Department, was introduced, one delegate stated that the district council of his craft had tabled the proposal.

"We felt there was too much unemployment for us to consider spending such money now," he said, "great as is our respect and affection for Haggerty."

The proceeds of the dinner and of a similar one to be held in Los Angeles May 23 will go to the fund for building the Earl Warren Legal Center at UC in Berkeley. Haggerty for years secretary-treasurer of the State Labor Federation, is a UC Regent, appointed to that post by the present Chief Justice of the United States when he was Governor of California.

Joe Egan, Plasterers 112, said that while some unions might be reluctant to spend money for this worthy cause when so many of the members are unemployed, it should be remembered that Haggerty had done more than any one man to win good unemployment benefits.

"Members of our union," said Egan, "don't like to be unemployed, but they certainly appreciate getting $55 a week unemployment benefits rather than $40. And while Governor Brown signed the bill making that raise, it was Neil Haggerty that fought for it and pushed it through."

The delegates voted to buy a $100 ticket for the dinner in San Francisco, Childers to attend.

Another reference to unemployment came in a letter from Jim Martin, Steamfitters 342, saying that he felt compelled to resign from the Labor Paper Advisory Committee, since with the growth of unemployment in his craft he found he had no time for anything but attending to the effects of that problem as best he could.

One more sign of adverse conditions facing the building trades was a Government report, read to the delegates by Secretary John Davy, that while in the last

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Hellender heads welfare meet

Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender at the council meeting this week gave the delegates a summary of various conferences he has been attending where figures were brought up showing disturbing facts about delinquency, the school system's race to keep up with its increasing problems, and other ills and evils of the body politic.

Hellender also gave a brief preview of problems coming before the 49th annual Statewide California Conference on Health, Welfare and Recreation to be held May 1-4 in Berkeley at Hotel Claremont, convened by the California Association for Health and Welfare, of which Hellender is a nominee for president. This is the first time in the country that a labor man has had the honor and responsibility of being nominated for such an office.

Two of the major subjects to be presented at the conference by distinguished authorities are: "Who Is Delinquent and How Do We Know?" and "Health Care for the Aged—Which Direction?"

Hellender especially stressed a third major subject to come before the conference, that is, a report from the recent White House Conference on Children and Youth. Mrs. Rollin Brown, who was national chairman of the White House Conference this year, will speak on "Blueprint for the 1960's", bringing out implications of the White House Conference for local and Statewide action.

This subject will be handled in cooperation with Governor Brown's Advisory Committee on Children and Youth and the California Youth Authority.

Hellender said that 50% of the children now in the fifth grade of the elementary schools in the U. S. will not finish high school, and that industry and the unions must find jobs for the flood of relatively uneducated youths pouring into the national economy.

Schools issue is one of many facing unions

The office of County Superintendent of Schools in Alameda County should remain elective, and should not be made appointive.

This was the attitude officially taken by the Central Labor Council at the meeting this week. Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash was authorized to take steps to get an argument published on the June 7 primary election ballot opposing the proposal to make the office appointive.

The proposal which the Labor Council intends to fight would make the County Superintendent appointive by the County School Board.

The proposal came up before at an election, and was vigorously opposed by labor.

This was only one of the political issues mentioned at the CLC meeting.

Ash in his report said that some union officers have been telling him that it is difficult to get their members interested in the political campaign this year as "there is no big issue like Proposition 18 in 1958 to stir them up."

But Ash pointed out that there is a constant effort to chisel away the wages and conditions the unions have won through decades of struggle, and that it is the duty of the alert union leaders and members to wake the others up to this fact. The sudden re-emergence of the effort to undemocratize the choice of the County Superintendent was a case in point.

The council secretary added that if union officers and members could all hear the answers, or bumbling attempts at answers, some of the proposed candidates for Legislature and

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NO CLC MEET APR. 25; SUPPER ON THAT DATE FOR EDITOR RETIRING

There will be no meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday, April 25, due to the holding on that date of the buffet supper in connection with the coming retirement of Louis Burgess, editor of East Bay Labor Journal for the past 13 years; the affair will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Goodman's, Jack London Hall, 10 Jack London Square, Oakland.

Tickets for the supper will be free for BTC and CLC delegates and paid for by the councils, but not the drinks. Charge for wives of delegates $3, and please notify the office of your council if your wife is coming, so seating arrangements can be made.

HOW TO BUY

Buy steak, not sizzle

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

One of the big slogans in the advertising trade is: "Don't sell the steak, sell the sizzle." By this the adexperts mean they can sell us more goods at higher prices by playing up emotional and psychological aspects of the merchandise rather than telling us plain facts about the merchandise itself. The many psychologists employed by ad agencies nowadays say that "sizzle selling" really works. It's being used to sell everything from peanut butter to political candidates.

The business psychologists regard us consumers as not very bright. A leading psychologist recently wrote in the Harvard Business Review that today's buyer "is often vague about the actual price he pays for something; he has few standards for judging the quality of what he buys, and at times winds up not using it anyway."

Even a Federal judge recently pointed out how successful emotional appeals are in persuading us to buy. "The men of Madison avenue sold shirts by depicting a man with an eye patch; they have sold soap by advertising it to be '99 and 44/100ths per cent pure' without bothering to add the noun; they have sold brassieres by displaying a sleepwalker," wrote Judge Luther W. Youngdahl.

For example, you know why food processors now offer two types of peanut butter? Their psychologists discovered that while boys liked the traditional grainy or chunky peanut butter, the manufacturers could sell more peanut butter to girls if it were made smooth, because smoothness in foods is generally understood to be more feminine.

In fact, the processors made some peanut butters so smooth by adding vegetable oils and fats, that the Food and Drug Administration no longer permits the blended product even to be called "peanut butter." This doesn't bother the "sizzle sellers." They made a virtue of necessity. Now Procter & Gamble advertises: "Have you discovered the delicious difference between 'Jif' Peanut Spread' is . . . extra creamy . . . smoother, easier spreading . . . To pure peanuts 'Jif' adds an exclusive blend of smoothing ingredients."

But when you separate the sizzle from the steak, you find you're getting only 75 per cent peanuts. The "exclusive blend of smoothing ingredients" consists mainly of vegetable shortening. This, of course, is a cooking fat which you can buy for as little as 28 cents a pound, depending on the brand.

You not only lose out financially when you buy this blend of peanuts and cooking fat; your children lose out nutritionally. Peanut butter has 118 grams of valuable protein to the pound; cooking fat, practically none.

The spread of 41 to 80 cents a pound in the price of different brands of peanut butter is a good example of how much you can overpay when you buy sizzle instead of checking the ingredients on th label to see how much real steak you get. Significantly, the "smooth" peanut butters all generally cost more than the regular grind. Highest price this department found is for "Big Top Smooth," 37 cents for 7 ounces packed in a sherbet glass. In comparison, supermarkets' own brands in ordinary glass containers cost as little as 41 cents for 16 ounces. So you pay 40 cents for a sherbet glass.

Why women 'lack humor'

A famous actress was once asked, "Why do you think it is that women are so lacking in a sense of humor?"

"God did it on purpose," she answered, "so that women would love men instead of laughing at them."

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THE JUDGE before whom five girls of San Francisco City College were brought on charges that they had stolen and caused the death of a monkey from the Fleishhacker Zoo is quoted as having said that if a sorority put the girls up to the trick there should be an investigation, and "then all persons involved should bear equal blame."

Maybe the supposedly nonexistent sororities should be investigated; they usually are every few years, and seem to thrive on it. But if the girls did do this, why not about five days in jail for each one of them?

IF SOME POOR BUM were caught pulling a stunt like that he'd surely get more than five days in jail. He'd be considered a thief, wantonly stealing and killing an animal that belonged to the taxpayers and animal lovers of the community. Nor would the time in jail do the poor fellow much good, probably.

But a nice little five-day term in the county jail might do girls who would pull a heartless trick like that some real good. It might wake them up to the fact that they're expected to grow up into responsible citizens, not public nuisances.

THEN THERE WAS the young fellow in another part of the Bay Area who was caught by the cops not long ago at night, trying to break into a store. That would be attempt to commit burglary on the police blotter if some poor bum had done it.

But this young fellow, it turned out, was the captain of a college sports team. So when he explained that he was just trying to get some inner tubes to make a raft out of—doubtless to take the raft right across the Sargasso Sea to the Moon—why, that explained everything.

Nothing like being gentle with the young folks, though of course it may be a little tough, at times, on monkeys and merchants.

Greeks the first to dye hair

Researchers say the Egyptians were so concerned with their good looks that they wrote into the marriage contract the amount of beauty oils to be given a wife.

It was a common practice among the damsels of ancient Rome, for Roman gentlemen preferred blondes.

But the Greeks were amongst the first people to dye their hair. And they were the ones who gave us the name for the art of improving the nature — cosmetics.

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Automation in supermarkets

Automation in supermarkets is expected to reach workable proportions in this decade with serious implications for RCIA members.

The nearest approach to date is a scale model of a radically different food store unveiled at a food exposition in New York City recently. If translated into reality, this would mean a supermarket free of clerks and checkers, serviced completely by back room people.

The experimental model shows a spiral building of seven circular ramps, down which the shopper travels on a moving sidewalk.

A specially coded marker is given the shopper when she enters the cylindrical building and steps on to a continuous elevator which takes her to the top—some 18 feet above the main floor. At the top she steps on to the moving sidewalk which takes her past the displays.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

"I WANTED to take this course," said the ambitious young woman. "My husband said I could probably find time for the classes, but when would I study? That was it, when!"

This young woman is like many young married women today, keeping house, holding down a part time job, and busy every minute. Why?

Most of it began during the last war when workers were so scarce that employers were happy to have women, married or single. At that time, "Rosie, the Riveter" came into her own. Teachers kept on teaching after marriage, office girls kept on typing, whereas formerly they were required to surrender their positions to girls who "had no man to support them."

After the war, our industries began to turn out vast numbers of entrancing gadgets. The average man might get food and clothing for his family, but not two cars, two bathrooms, electric dryers and washers, two televisions, and so on. So the wife continued working.

Is this bad? We don't know. Some people call it a "collapse into complete materialism," others call it "the more abundant life."

Moreover, every case is different and must be judged individually.

In addition, there is another reason women want to work. It gives them a feeling of importance to be part of a working group. Some women need this even more than they need the money they earn.

It is true that many women can get this feeling from being wives and mothers and heads of homes. Others cannot.

In other words, women are no longer just wives or mothers, but people, each an individual, each with her own personal reasons for doing what she does.

We cannot pass a law or make a social ruling that will include every one. In other words, life is a lot more complicated than it often appears on the surface, a truth which many people have a hard time learning.

Wax used to save clothes

Use a good brand of paste wax on clothes chutes or inside wooden laundry hampers to avoid snagging laundry fabrics on the rough wood.

That is the advice of technicians at the American Institute that snags contribute a great deal to clothing damage after washing.

The hamper or chute also should be checked for rough edges and joints. If there are any, they should be sanded down before the waxing.

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Nonunion caps for baseball—watch out, don't buy 'em

Anne Draper, international representative of the United Hatters wrote to the Central Labor Council:

The United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, AFLCIO, will appreciate your alerting the delegates to your Labor Council on the following urgent situation:

With the baseball season on, union men and their families will be buying baseball caps and, in some cases, local unions will be sponsoring Little League baseball teams. While the Hatters Union is engaged in a vigorous campaign to promote the Union Label in all types of headwear, we want to emphasize the need to check carefully for the Union Label before purchasing baseball caps.

The California market is receiving large quanities of baseball caps made under substandard conditions in non-union firms located mainly in the South. We urge union members and their families not to finance such scab shops by refusing to buy their products and insisting on Union Label products. Their cooperation will help the Hatters Union to maintain union conditions in the 80% of the industry which is organized as well as aid the unionization of the entire trade.

We are especially concerned that the youngsters of our union families understand the Union Label message: they say, as the twig is bent, the tree will grow. Just as the players on a baseball team must cooperate to win, all sectors of labor must cooperate to win their goals—in this case, using the economic strength of union members as consumers to maintain union standards for all.

Candidates' list endorsed by COPE

The following notice has been sent out by Robert S. Ash as secretary-treasurer of the Alameda County Council on Political Education (AFLCIO-COPE):

At the conclusion of our meeting, April 12, the Alameda County Council on Political Education voted to endorse the following candidates for United States Congress or State Legislature:

Jeffery Cohelan, Congressman —7th Congressional District.

George P. Miller, Congressman —8th Congressional District.

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Marius Waldal of Carpenters outlines plight unions face

Editor, Labor Journal:

Officers and leaders of organized labor have known for a long time that the major problems of labor are political. They also agree that trade unionism in America is undergoing perhaps the most severe trial of its existence.

The general membership does not seem to understand the problems confronting labor. The opponents and enemies of labor are attacking the leaders of labor in every way possible to discourage the membership from donating to funds for political action.

The McClellan investigating committee found a few labor leaders who had misused their positions as leaders of their unions, and used their positions for selfish means.

The vast majority of the labor leaders deplored this but were in favor of legislation to protect the membership and punish these racketeers. But the committee went a lot further and tried to smear the whole labor movement, and succeeded to the extent that the Congress enacted the Landrum-Griffin Bill into law, the most vicious labor legislation ever enacted. Its aim is to undermine the confidence of the public, as well as the members of organized labor.

The enemies of labor are well organized. There is more than a casual connection between things like the Landrum-Griffin Bill, the Taft-Hartley Act and the McClellan Investigation Committee. These enemies of labor have long ago come to the conclusion that they can better undermine and destroy organized labor through political action. They have plenty of help and have used millions of dollars to accomplish their aims. They have laid the ground work to destroy the strength of organized labor at the bargaining table. Labor has a choice (an uphill fight): to fight back politically to win or to be wiped out as an effective labor movement.

The older men remember well labor's crusade for employers' liability, workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, social security, pensions and other benefits of welfare to the working people.

These accomplishments and advantages obtained through the years by the leaders of labor can be greatly reduced and in some cases deleted altogether unless the rank and file wake up to the dangers ahead and support the leaders by action and financial contributions in the political arena.

The political end of labor has become more important than the bargaining table. This does not underestimate the importance of collective bargaining for wages, hours and conditions on the job by any stretch of the imagination.

Organized labor's strength at the bargaining table has been greatly weakened through legislation and henceforth the great importance of political action by organized labor.

The above-mentioned realities were stressed at the Carpenters' convention in Sacramento by two recognized political science professors of the University of California, Dr. Odegard and Dr. Shields, also by Dr. Bernstein, professor of the Institute of Industrial Relations at the University of California at Los Angeles.

They all agreed that the American trade unionism is perhaps under the most severe trial of its existence.

They did not only mention legislation, they stressed the technical advancement of science, automation and new material which will affect employment and change the composition of the labor forces and union membership.

The enforced union hiring hall procedure imposed upon labor are only one of the results of legislation, and it hurts the Carpenters more than any other craft.

At the Carpenters' Convention this was recognized and resolutions were passed for a referendum vote to increase the per capita tax and use it for organization and political action promoting changes in the laws more adaptable to the Carpenters' Unions.

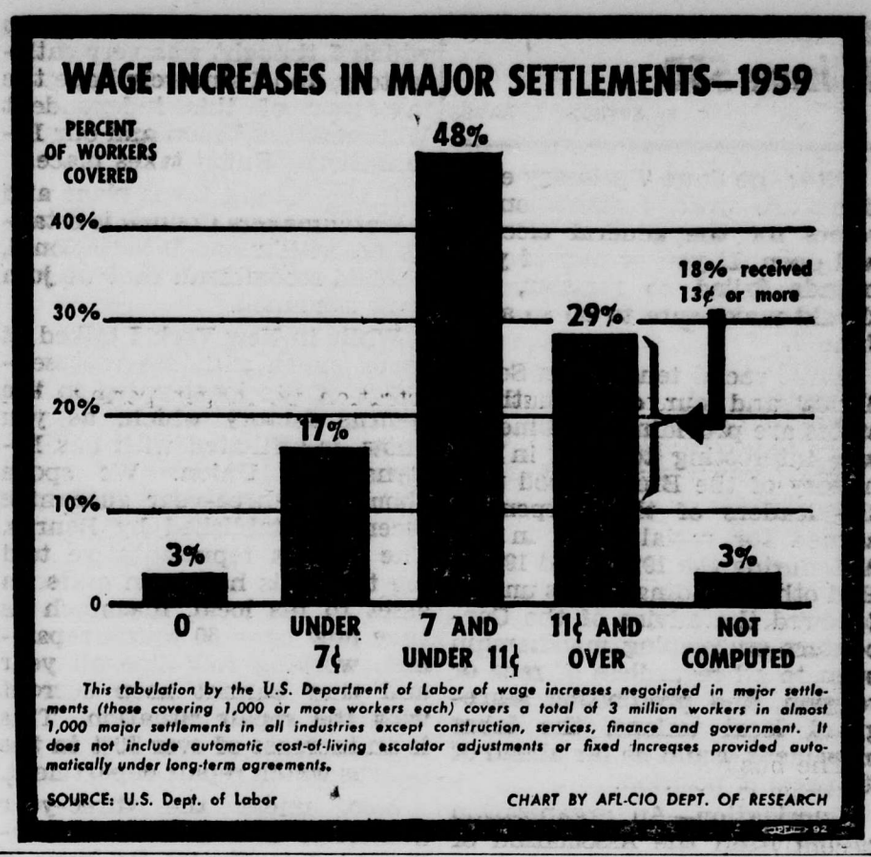
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Recording Secretary, Local Union No. 1622, Hayward, Calif.

You're invited to COPE's conference

Trade union leaders from Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada will attend a conference called by the AFLCIO Committee on Political Education (COPE) to be held at the Whitcomb Motor Hotel in San Francisco, California, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 and 28. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. of the first day. It is anticipated that the program will continue until approximately 5 p.m. of the second day.

The conference is one of 15 that will be held from coast-to-coast this year which will discuss COPE'S activities and techniques.

The conference will be directed specifically to the officers of local unions, local central bodies, building trades councils and Women's Activities Departments. Rank-and-file trade unionists, however, will be welcome. The meetings will lay particular stress on the participation of women in political education and action. Once again, a definte portion of the session will be directed towards wives of union members. Delegates have been urged to bring their wives to the conference. — **AFLCIO COPE.**



Dentists in favor of fluoridation

An overwhelming majority of dentists favored fluoridation of the East Bay Municipal Utility District Water Supply as a dental health measure, a just completed poll of the dental societies in Alameda and Contra Costa counties indicated, according to Robert E. Tumelty, Director, Health Education Services, California State Dental Association.

In reference to the proposition of controlling the fluoride content of the water supply, which will appear on the June 7th ballot, Mr. Tumelty said that 99 percent of the dentists responding favored fluoridation. Of the 623 replies, 617 of the dentists said they wanted fluoridation.

The four component societies of the two counties are Alameda County, Contra Costa County, Berkeley City and Southern Alameda County.

A similar poll of physicians conducted in the same area several weeks ago showed 95 percent were in favor of fluoridation.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Dick Nolan, 'Ex' scribe, says Jeffery Cohelan is getting all the breaks

Dick Nolan in his Column in the Examiner April 13:

Things are looking up for Jeffrey Cohelan, the East Bay Congressman, who may yet find his re-election is a cinch. First good break came when he was blacklisted by Jimmy Hoffa. Now the California Association of Employers, through president Win Caldwell, has just advised everybody that Cohelan is no friend of theirs, either. If Cohelan can only manage to get blacklisted by the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan and his cousin, Don, he may even get promoted to the Senate.

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By ANTHONY L. RAMOS

After the June 7 primary elections are over, registration of voters for the general election will open. If you or any of your friends failed to register, you should make sure to do so after June 7.

While racial tensions in South Africa and our own Southern states are providing headlines, it was interesting to read in the history of the Brotherhood that the leaders of the Carpenters argued for racial unity in the AFL during the 1920's and 1930's. Had other building trades unions followed the advice of the Carpenters on keeping membership open to all regardless of race or religion, and prohibiting segregated local unions, the labor movement would be far ahead of its present position.

Fluoridation—An organization calilng itself the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons adopted a resolution some time ago opposing fluoridation of our water supply, and it was quoted in a handbill issued in Berkeley. The resolution gave **absolutely NO reason** for its action, and failed to admit that we already add chlorine and other chemicals for public health reasons.

The people should know that local, state and federal organizations of dentists, doctors and public health specialists approve fluoridation of our water supply.

A report on our special called meeting will be in our next column because this is written before the meeting. Also, there will be a report on contract negotiations.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

As I told you last week, the most interesting thing that occurred at the General Executive Board meeting of the International Jewelry Workers Union held in New York City the week of March 28, was the discussions relative to the reaffiliation of the independent American Watchworkers Union. Some of you members will remember the American Watchworkers Union, with whom this local was affiliated for a short period of time a few years ago.

For the benefit of you new members, the independent American Watchworkers Union is composed of three local unions organized in the three American watch factories: Hamilton, Elgin and Waltham. There are some 2800 members in the three groups.

The International Executive Board worked out the proposal for reaffiliation for this group which I thought was very satisfactory, and I sincerely hope the merger of this independent Watchmakers Union and our International Union takes place.

If the merger takes place and a Watchmakers Council is established within our International, I would recommend that we join such a council.

While in New York I talked at some length with the representative of the local union in the Benrus factory which, as you know, is affiliated with our International Union. We spoke about the three-year guarantee recently established by Benrus. The Benrus representative told me that this had been quite an asset to his local, inasmuch as they now have 60 watch repairmen working full time all year and they cannot keep current with the repair situation. This is an increase of over 50% in the Benrus watch repair department.

Also, under the three-year guarantee Benrus is reimbursing, on a maximum fee basis, a number of large purchasers of their watches who desire to service their own customers.

The representative of the Benrus union also informed me that Benrus had stopped selling directly to discount houses.

NOTICE OF MEETING: San Francisco Membership Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason street, San Francisco.

Hayward Painters 1178

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

Who the hell do you think the Local Union is? It isn't just the few of us who work for you - - - It's YOU & YOU & YOU . . .

If it is not being run to suit you, come to the meetings where you can do something about it.

Glen Mohn scheduled for internal surgery at Washington Township Hospital . . .

And Harold Witcher entering East Oakland Hospital for internal surgery, both on Thursday, the 14th - - -

We trust in your complete and speedy recovery.

The office has been getting calls for men—nothing to get excited about yet but it's starting to perk up. If you are on the list, better get here early if you are interested in going to work.

This week two Brothers underwent major surgery and needed blood - - - but the Local does not have a Blood Bank . . .

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Steamfitters Union Local No. 342, Richmond Elks, Builders Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, Pinole City Council

Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

The new face in the office this past week is Ruby Lira. Mrs. Lira is here helping Mrs. Thomas while Mrs. Jean Ebel is off on a week vacation to Disneyland. Mrs. Lira is not without some experience in this type of work; having worked in other union offices in the past. She is doing a fine job.

PAY DUES BY THE QUARTER

We canont be too insistent in asking every union man to take five minutes and send a letter to their senator to vote for passage of S 2643, and to their congressman for passage of Bill HR 9070 or any other bill permitting labor to protect itself with the only real tool it has, the strike. It is no secret that manufacturing associations, Chamber of Commerce groups are very active in trying to get our congressman to go the opposite.

PAY DUES BY THE QUARTER

A recent independent study of Right to Work States, has shown that instead of lowering the number of strikes, in the eleven original Right to Work law states, the number of strikes have actually increased approximately 34%. Other pertinent facts brought out are that the union shop contract is conductive to better labor-management relations, that an overwhelming majority of employees affected want the union shop, as do also those employers with first hand informaiton.

PAY DUES BY THE QUARTER

Death Assessment No. 440 is now due and payable. Brother Archie Hibnes No. 37727, member of Local No. 272, San Mateo passed away February 28, 1960.

PAY DUES BY THE QUARTER

Painters Local No. 127

By MARVIN EDWARDS

The new "Consumer counseling" handed down to us working stiffs from the lady appointed by Governor Brown to tell us these things, was truly magnificent.

Credit is the working man's worst enemy, she says. How many years have we known that already yet? What we need is someone to tell us how we can get by WITHOUT using credit. Maybe do without the comforts until we can pay cash for them? By that time, all we need is a full pipe and a rocking chair.

Maybe we should look into labor's own consumer counseling program. There is one, you know. The AFLCIO Community Services Department have begun such a program and are offering a pamphlet entitled "Safeguarding Labor's Dollar" to explain it. I understand there is a regular course offered which holds classes over a period of 8 to 12 weeks in 2 hour sessions. We can get the materials and course of study and set up classes within our own locality if we get sufficient interest in it. The classes include the wives if they want to attend. The subjects range from comparison of price and quality to how to protect yourself from garnishment of your wages.

If you are interested, let us know and we'll see what can be set up.

There has been a good response from Local 127 members and also some from other locals, on the wall papering classes, so we will now forge ahead with plans. Will keep you informed as to progress and when classes will begin.

Don't forget the meeting of the 28th, when Clarence Vezey will be with us to discuss the welfare plan and answer your questions about it.

Also, it is most important that you attend the meetings in May and June. We will have nominations in May and election in June, for officers of this local. Exercise your rights and put into office the men you believe will do a good job for the union.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Last week was Easter which commemorates the Resurrection. Last week the survivors of the SS Jeanne explosion, met in our Hall. Present in affidavit form were those who did not survive. Jay Darwin, attorney for most of 1304 members involved, explained the complicated litigation bogging down the claims of our members. The case is in the District Court awaiting a ruling on the liability of the Government, the owners of the vessel, and the Shipyard performing the repairs. The explosion occurred January 19, 1957. It's been three years. There seems to be a callous disregard for human suffering where workers are concerned. Chet Smith, who hovered at Death's door for months after the Blast, asked if the Companies hoped to drag out the litigation until all the Claimants were dead. The resulting laughter was a bit grim. One claimant has already died.

Carpenters 1622

By CHARLES ROE

The students and faculty of the Industrial Arts and Homemaking Departments of Tennyson High School cordially invite you to attend the Home Economics and Industrial Arts Fair, to be held April 29, 1960 from 7:30 to 10:00, on the Tennyson High School Campus.

The students have put their best food forward to make this a successful and memorable event for Tennyson High School and for the Hayward Union High School District.

We hope you will reserve the evening of April 29, 1960 to be with us at Tennyson High School. We hope too, that you will bring a guest with you.

A gift for all, prizes, fashion show, demonstrations.

Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

The Women's Typographical Auxiliary No. 26 is holding its annual rummage sale Thursday, April 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 1724 San Pablo avenue, Berkeley.

Would appreciate any donations. Call Elizabeth Fee, THornwall 5-3972 or bring to 1724 San Pablo avenue, Berkeley, Wednesday evening, April 27, 8 p.m., or Thursday, April 28, during the day.

Free trade union leader dies at age of only 37

NEW YORK—Dr. Janet Seigel, a spokesman for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions at the United Nations, died in Mt. Sinai Hospital of Hodgkin's disease. She was 37. She taught at the New School for Social Research and was formerly on the faculty of Roosevelt University, Chicago. — **AFL-CIO News.**

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You would feel better about borrowing, though, if you had already been investing even small amounts regularly for some time. You could then know you had a right to ask for a loan. Join now and deposit a little out of each pay-check, against the time you will need a loan or want to finance a purchase.

Money is tight all over the country. When we have a waiting list for loans, we naturally gives preference to the ones who have been member-owners for some time and who have been saving regularly. We have a waiting list at present.

You can be a member-owner of your own Credit Union. All it takes is one dollar to join, and five dollars in savings, to make you one of the owners of this Credit Union.

Your Credit Union is growing fast. Assets at the end of March were almost $125,000 and have rapidly increased since then. Local 1149 is still far in the lead in dollars invested, and 550 is still away ahead in numbers of new members coming into your Credit Union.

Chips and Chatter

By BILL MARSHALL

The regular election of officers procedure for the carpenters is somewhat changed this year because of the Labor-Management Reporting Act. Most locals in this area have only one Trustee to elect but the required procedures will be used.

Nominations will be made at a meeting in May and the election will be held in June, at least thirty days after the nominations.

Watch the meeting notices so that you will know what is happening in your local. You will also receive a notice by mail.

For those members who pay their dues well in advance, please remember that the dues go up twenty five cents per month on July 1, 1960. This is based upon the wage rate which goes up on June 16, 1960. The raise is 17½ cents per hour on wages and five cents per hour on vacation.

CLC delegates seated

Delegates seated at a recent meeting of the Central Labor Council and obligated by President Russ Crowell: J. C. Bogard, **Communications Workers 9490;** Joe Miguel, Raymond Maldonado, **Steelworkers 1798.**

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m. the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

SPECIAL NOTICE — ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The next meeting of your Local will be April 28, 1960. This is a special called meeting to have the second reading of the Local's new bylaws.

Also the Local has invited the Business Manager of the Bay Area welfare plan, vacation and pension plan and all labor trustees of all the Painters plans to be present at the Local's next meeting to answer any question that the members present may want to ask about all our plans.

Members! Be sure and attend this meeting if you want to find out the benefits you should receive for the money you put into the different plans.

Fraternally yours,
ED. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 1960 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California at 8:00 p.m.

1. Vacation checks will be available for those members having under 1500 hours.

2. For those members having over 1500 hours, vacation checks will be available one week in advance of your scheduled vacation date.

3. Report from your delegates to the Sixth National Legislative Conference, Building & Construction Trades Department AFLCIO held in Washington, D. C. March 14-18, 1960.

As your union meetings should be of importance to you and your families, please make an honest effort to attend and participate in deliberations.

Fraternally yours,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager &
Financial Sec.-Treas.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting, Thursday, April 21st, 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
D. ARCA,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Will meet Friday, April 22, 1960, 8:00 p.m. at 2315 Valdez Street in Hall D, Oakland.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

Carpenters Credit Union
Paul Hudgins, Treasurer
2253 East 19th Street
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RETAIL FOOD CLERKS 870

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF RETAIL FOOD CLERKS UNION, LOCAL 870.

Nomination of delegates to attend the annual convention of the California State Council of Retail Clerks, June 21, 22, 23, will be held at the second regular meeting of the Union, Tuesday, April 26, 1960.

The election of the delegates will be held at the first regular membership meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 1960, at the Union auditorium, 6537 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland.

Fraternally,
HARRIS C. WILKIN,
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Our regular meeting dated Friday May the 5th has been canceled and will be carried over to Monday night May the 9th. Following it will be a Special Meeting called to order to discuss and vote on a proposed change in our Agreement covering the 30 day lee-way to members of our craft before becoming a member of our Brotherhood. To conform to the new laws this lee-way must be cut to seven days before joining our Brotherhood.

Another subject at the special meeting to discuss is a referendum vote that refers to the tax exempt status of our Welfare Fund due to participation of employers in it. The information from the U. S. Treasury Department notes that as long as the employers participate in the Fund it will be subject to taxation. This resulted in the action of the Welfare Fund to call for a referendum vote to eliminate from Article 19, Section 3, Sub-section 9 the words employer signatory. If this is refused by the referendum vote it would automatically make the Welfare Fund subject to taxation and would be operating illegally.

If the referendum vote is favorable to adoption of the change mentioned above the administrator and consultant will contact insurance carrier or carriers to make up an alternate plan to cover the employers—similar to the Health and Welfare Program.

Also from the fund comes notice of the increase money wise in office calls to the M. D., medicine, hospital and other instances covered by the fund. This information is on file in the Financial Secretary's office; ask for it.

In the coming two months there will be three special meetings that we know will be called to order, and will be of special interest to all members. This goes for all meetings these days.

From Financial Secretary Mountjoy a NOTICE. You must register Monday, May 2nd if you are out of work.

Sincerely,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk Street, San Francisco on Sunday afternoon, April 24, 1960 at 1:00 p.m.

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MILLMEN 550

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE!

On Friday, April 22, 8:00 p.m., Hall I, 3rd Floor, Labor Temple, Oakland, there will be a Special Called meeting to vote on: (1) State Council Constitutional Amendments including increase in per capita tax and voting procedure; (2) Organizing Funds; (3) Legislative Defense Fund.

This meeting originally had been announced for April 18 in the East Bay Labor Journal. Due to an error in omitting Post Card notices to all members, the meeting has been postponed to the above date.

Fraternally yours,
GEO. E. WHITE,
President
JACK ARCHIBALD,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Special Meeting—There will be a Special Called meeting on Friday, May 6, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

In addition to the regular order of business the special order will be the nomination of one trustee.

The election will be on June 17, 1960, same time and place.

Fraternally,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

The Stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., April 21, 1960, at the Carpenters Hall.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. April 28, 1960, at 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

COPE, 13TH A. D.

The 13th Assembly District COPE meets every second Wednesday at 696 B Street (upstairs), Hayward, at 8:30 p.m. Executive Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Please note time changes.

Dues for 1960 are now due and payable with a grace period allowed until April 1st.

Union members who are also affiliated with the Central Labor Council or the Building or Metal Trades Councils are invited to attend and join the 13th AD COPE. Wives are also urged to join. Dues are $3.00 per year for members and 60¢ additional for spouse.

The need for workers during this election year is profound. Labor needs help in government more than ever before. Stand up and be counted now.

Fraternally,
JO EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer
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HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Official Notice—Important!

The nominations for officers and delegates of Local 1622 will be held Friday, May 6, 1960, at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, at 8 p.m. This is to nominate candidates for trustees and candidates to the convention of the California State Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the California State Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County and the Alameda County COPE. This early date for nominations is required by the new Federal Labor Law of 1959. The election will take place in June as usual and notification will be mailed as the law requires.

Regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple unless otherwise specified. A stag social for members will follow the April 29 meeting.

Commencing with the month of May the Alameda County blood bank mobile unit will be stationed at the Labor Temple every 3rd Monday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. of each month until further notice. The public is invited and asked to donate blood for this worthy cause.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

Paper worker will soon return from year spent in London as scholar

Art Farache, a paper mill worker at Antioch and a member of the Paper Makers Union, will soon return from England, where he has spent a year at the London School of Economics on a Fullbright scholarship, Angelo Bruzzone of the Milk Drivers reports.

Bruzzone, who some time back spent a year in England on a scholarship and wrote interesting articles for East Bay Labor Journal about his experiences there, is looking forward to discussing with his friend Farache how things have been going in the British labor movement during the past year.

Delegates to CLC

President Russ Crowell at the April 18 meeting of the Central Labor Council obligated as delegates Mona Long, Office Employees 29, Harry Nord, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen; Ralph Sigman, Glass Bottle Blowers 2.

CONGRESSMEN YOU SHOULD WRITE TO!

Send a letter to your Congressman and to your Senators urging passage of the Forand Bill (HR 4700):

Hon. Jeffery Cohelan, Representative, 7th California, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Hon. George P. Miller, Representative, 8th California, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Thomas H. Kuchel, Senator from California, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Clair Engle, Senator from California, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Pension-Labor Democrat Clubs gathering April 29 to hear the candidates

The regular quarterly get-together of the several Alameda County Pension - Labor Democratic Clubs will be held at 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 29, at the True Food cafeteria, 308 - 14th Street, Oakland.

The guest speakers will be all the Democratic candidates for the six Assembly Districts, and spokesmen for the candidates in the two Congressional Districts.

Discussion will center on the session of the Legislature recently concluded, and the progress of the proposed Forand amendment to the Social Security Act, County President Carl F. Dittmar announces.

Wage-Hour Office moves Oakland headquarters

The Oakland field office of the U. S. Labor Department's Wage-Hour and Public Contracts Divisions will be located in new quarters starting April 22, it was announced by field office supervisor C. O. Atchinson.

The wage-hour office, which has been in the Thayer Building at 577 - 14th Street, will occupy Room 412 in the Penn Building, 354 - 21st Street, Atchinson stated. The new telephone number is TWinoaks 3-3595.

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More whites are gambling but more Negroes arrested

A law that is fair and impartial on its face but is enforced with "an evil eye and an unequal hand" breaches the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment, Southern California American Civil Liberties Union counsel charged in defense of eleven Negroes charged with violation of Pasadena gambling laws.

The same legal force and effect given to laws which discriminate because of race should be applied to discriminatory enforcement of the law based on race, ACLU Attorneys A. L. Wirin, Fred Okrand and Rhoda Gordon said in an amici curiae brief filed in the Appellate Department of Superior Court.

The brief also challenged the refusal of the Municipal Court to accept the defendants' offer of proof that gambling laws are enforced in an arbitrary and intentional manner against Negro residents of Pasadena.

The evidence consisted of Pasadena court records from 1957-59 showing that four and a half percent of persons arrested were white, and 94½ percent were colored. Last year, 100 percent of those arrested were colored, according to Attorney Don H. Terry, counsel for the defendants.

Only 12 percent of the population of Pasadena is colored; approximately 83 percent is white, with the remaining five percent distributed among other minority races, Terry said.

Pasadena police are aware that gambling by white citizens is being conducted in three different clubs, the defense charged. In one instance, Terry said, where white persons, including police officers, were found gambling, no arrests were made.—**ACLU Open Forum.**

Travelers Aid in a Home Town Study

The latest Home Town Study completed by the National Travelers Aid Association reveals that 4,235 people from this county were among the nearly 1,000,000 persons who were helped by Travelers Aid last year according to Charles W. Metcalf, president of Travelers Aid Society of Alameda County, a United Crusade agency.

The study, including all Travelers Aid Societies, listed 11,464 towns and cities in continental United States named as home towns by those appealing for assistance.

Metcalf pointed out that the study demonstrated that citizens from Alameda County were receiving Travelers Aid service elsewhere while strangers here were being given the same kind of help provided through local support.—**Travelers Aid.**

N. Y. Building Service Union wins a good pact

NEW YORK — Twenty-one thousand members of Building Service Employees Local 32B have won a 17.5 cent wage increase in a new three-year contract, plus fringe benefits worth an additional 7.5 cents. — **AFL-CIO News.**

Steelworkers resist, get pension plan back

GUELPH, Ont. — Stiff resistance by a local of the Steelworkers has forced Federal Wire & Cable Co. here to re-establish a pension plan abandoned when the firm became a subsidiary of a U. S. corporation. — **AFLCIO News.**



REMEMBER WHEN the big news came that Kaiser was signing with the Steelworkers? It was the first big break in the struggle. Part of that news was that the union and the company were to form a committee to work out a formula for long-range sharing of fruits of industrial progress. Here's a picture of the first meeting of the committee in New York. Seated, left to right, are Kaiser Board Chairman Edgard F. Kaiser; USWA President David J. McDonald; Dr. George Taylor, chairman of President Eisenhower's "fact-finding" panel in steel strike. Standing, same order: USWA Vice President Howard Hague; labor arbiter and conciliator David L. Cole; Kaiser Vice President C. E. Borden; John Dunlop, Harvard University; Vice President E. E. Trefethen, Jr. of Kaiser; Director Charles J. Smith, USWA District 38.

Meany tells 'em child labor won't solve problem of youth

In his address to the White House Conference on Children and Youth, AFLCIO President George Meany took sharp issue with those who want to weaken child labor laws so that youngsters can get "work experience" at an earlier age. Here's what Mr. Meany said.

It is unrealistic for us to examine at this conference proposals to increase the work opportunities of children and youth. They belong in school, not in a factory job or even an office job, until they have acquired sufficient training to make the most of their aptitudes.

Of course, there is always a demand for cheap labor. But America, generally, now realizes that child labor is not "cheap." Rather, it is expensive for the parents and for the community. It is too expensive to be tolerated.

In the old days, it was contended by those interested in profit for themselves at any cost to others, that children had the "right to contract" their labor and that neither the State nor Federal Government could interfere with that right by law or limiting regulation.

It is difficult for us nowadays to believe that such sophistry ever could be given serious consideration. Yet the United States Government did not take any effective steps to outlaw child labor until the adoption of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, only 22 years ago.

In years gone by, those who profited by child labor were barefaced about it. Today, the line is much more subtle. The public relations counsel for industries which still seek to employ children talk in terms of "training" them for future advancement. They say we have gone "too far" in protecting our children and have, in fact, barred them from opportunity.

The truth is just the opposite. Far from having given our children too much protection, we have not provided half enough. Thousands of children in our cities today work in hazardous occupations, because the Federal law does not protect them and the State laws are woefully inadequate.

Farm youth, whether resident or migratory, is shamelessly exploited within the letter of the law, on the excuse that certain crops must be harvested during limited times.

I say to you that there is no reason that can justify the exploitation of children.

Another argument, frequently heard, is that children must be given "work experience," particularly when they show little scholastic aptitude. The theory is that such "work experience" will provide an adequate substitute for continued education. Essentially, this is an indirect but dangerous attack against our system of universal, free education and must be sternly repelled. The educational effect of the work experience to which children are subjected, for the most part, proves harmful in the extreme. They need more and better schooling, not less, in order to develop their full potential productive . . . power.

End McClellan's committee, urges California labor

Joining AFLCIO President George Meany in vigorously opposing a Senate resolution to extend the life of the McClellan Special Investigating Committee, the California Labor Federation has wired California Senators Clair Engle and Thomas H. Kuchel urging an emphatic "NO" vote on Senate Resolution 294.

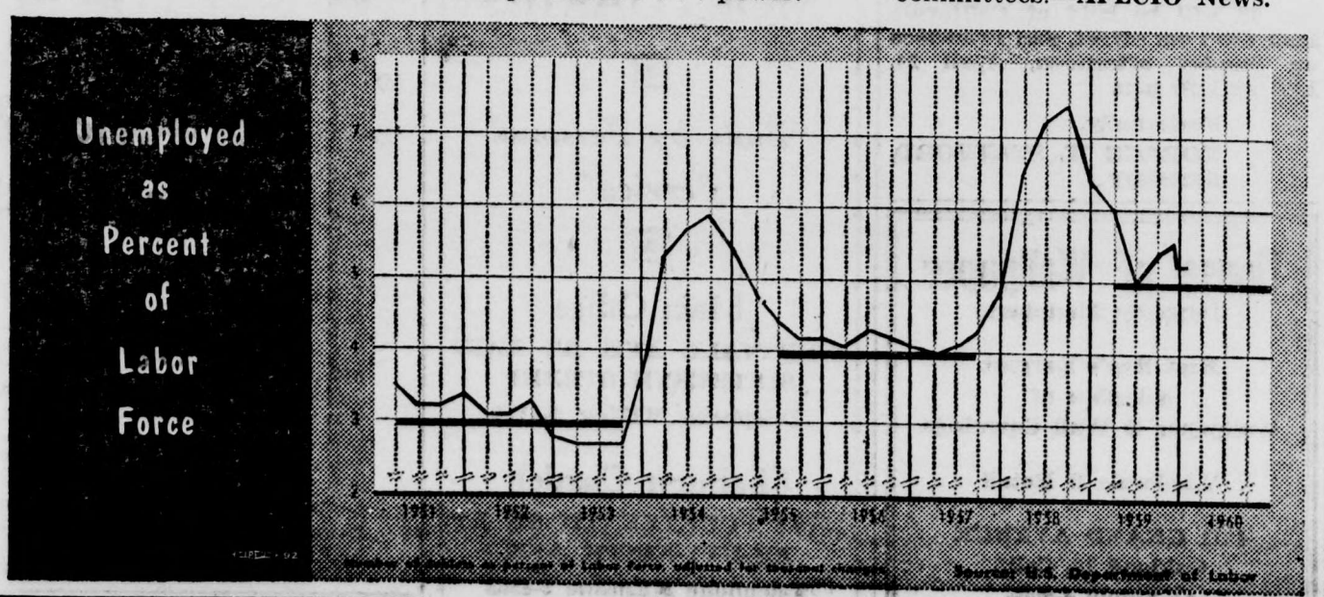
Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts simultaneously called upon central labor bodies throughout the state to take similar action in communicating their views against continuing the life of the McClellan Committee to California's two senators.

Senate Resolution 294 would give the committee a new 12-month lease on life, with $100,000 to continue investigations.

In pressing for such extension, McClellan has been arguing that his Special Committee should have a "watchdog" role over Labor Department administration of the Landrum-Griffin Act. This points up a basic conflict with the Labor and Public Welfare Committee which previously won Rules Committee clearance for a larger staff to supervise the L-G procedures. — **California Labor Federation.**

Union-managem'nt safety committees requested

WASHINGTON — In the face of an upswing in job accidents, spokesmen for organized labor have called on unions to take the initiative in pushing for joint union-management safety committees.—**AFLCIO News.**



Picture displays Mexican nationals at culinary work

Ernesto Galarza, secretary of the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Union, has written to Irving H. Perluss, director of the California Department of Employment, as follows:

If you will refer to the Stockton Record of August 15, 1959, you will find a news story with a Modesto dateline on the so-called peach picker shortage of last summer.

A picture which accompanies the story shows Messrs. John Zuckerman, a prominent grower of the Delta area; Dr. Robert Westpahl, Stanislaus County Health Director; Jack Klein, president of Diversified Growers, Inc.; and A. R. Duarte, manager of the San Joaquin Farm Production Association.

These four gentlemen are shown lunching in a Mexican labor camp. They are being served by Luis Arellano of Mexico. Senor Arellano is further identified as a "green card" man, or one of those who are admitted under provisions of Public Law 414.

Referring to the Cervantes Camp, where the photograph was taken, the text of the story says: "Here the kitchen help, as in all the labor camps, is composed of "green card men" or those who come in on regular quotas each year and then returned to their homes for about three months of the year."

You no doubt know that for many years the National Agricultural Workers' Union publicly denounced the use of regular contract **braceros as kitchen** helpers and cooks at low wages and scandalous working conditions. Such employment was illegal under the terms of the labor contracts and the International Agreement. It now appears that the employers of Mexican contract labor have found the answer to the problem of legal exploitation of Mexican kitchen help in the Walter-McCarran law, also known as Public Law 414, which permits the admission of alien workers under certain conditions.

One of these is that the Department of Employment of the State of California shall certify and approve the request for workers under the visa system. It is required by law that the Department, and the Bureau of Employment Security, must make certain that "like labor" is not available anywhere in the United States. It is also required that the Department of Employment shall attempt to fill the job locally before permission is granted the grower to hire through the facilities provided by Public Law 414.

I do not recall, in all the years of my assignment to California as Secretary of the National Agricultural Workers' Union, ever having received notification from the Department of Employment that jobs as kitchen helpers were available to American citizens. From the account given by the Stockton Record it is clear that such jobs have been filled by the hundreds from Mexico under your certification.

We would like to know specifically: the number of kitchen helpers your Department has certified under Public Law 414 during the past two years; the wages offered at the time the jobs were listed with your Deparment for clearance and certification; the conditions of work with respect to hours offered by the employers at the time the job offers were made; what kind of notice was given to local organizations and agencies, such as trade unions with an interest in the agricultural and culinary aspects of your activities.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Schools just one of many issues up before labor folk

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Congress had given at the recent candidate-screening session of the COPE executive board, all the union officers and members might indeed wake up to how serious the political situation is.

This year most of the offenders against intelligence happened to have been Republicans, said Ash, but in years past the Democrats have not failed to turn up ignoramuses. This year one candidate, a successful business man, obviously knew nothing whatever about workmen's compensation, and a lawyer who has practiced for years didn't know that the State had anything to do with unemployment benefits, and that it was solely a Federal function.

Then of course, said Ash, laughing, there was the candidate for Sheriff some years ago who, when asked about his stand on juvenile delinquency, promptly replied, "I'm for it!"

"Some of these people — and some of them told us they never even read the papers—may even get elected this year if labor doesn't get busy politically," said Ash, "and then they'll be making the laws under which we have to live. Yet some people say there are no issues to stir up labor!"

'Warren's Court' rules for labor

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mands for a voice in company plans to eliminate certain jobs.

The second case, decided by a vote of 8 to 1, was one in which the top court held lower courts should not have issued an injunction barring maritime workers from picketing a foreign ship manned by foreign seamen in an American port.

The dinners for Haggerty were proposed when he had resigned as secretary of the State Labor Federation to become president of the AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Department.

Culinary Workers set up a civil rights panel

CINCINNATI, O.—Pres. E. S. Miller of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees has announced the appointment of a committee on civil rights headed by International Vice Pres. Richard Smith of Chicago.

Other members are William S. Pollard of Los Angeles, chairman of the Joint Council of Dining Car Employees, who was named committee secretary; General Organizer Betty Bentz, of Local 6, New York; Mary Jackson, Seattle, Wash., and John Gibson, president of the St. Louis local.—**AFLCIO News.**

Apprenticeship Council will meet on April 28

Jack Thompson, general secretary of the Greater East Bay Joint Apprenticeship Council, urges every local JAC to be represented at the meeting of the council Thursday evening at 8 p.m., April 28, in the first floor assembly room of the new State building on Jackson Street. This will be the last general meeting before the completion ceremony scheduled for Monday evening, June 6.

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15% jobless now here among building craftsmen, BTC told

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quarter of 1958 building men's pay had shown a rise of 2.4%, in the corresponding quarter of 1959 the rise had been only 1.7%.

WEBER TO PAPER BOARD

BTC President Joseph Pruss said that the resignation of James Martin from the Labor Paper Advisory Committee was certainly accepted with regret, as Martin had discharged his duties on that committee faithfully. A motion carried to send a letter of regret to Martin.

Pruss said it was necessary to appoint a successor to Martin at once, as next Monday, April 25, the committee would meet to name a successor to the present editor, Louis Burgess, who was retiring after 13 years with the paper.

Pruss then announced that he was appointing William Weber of Steamfitters 342, to the committee, and said he felt it was appropriate to appoint a member of the union to which Martin belongs.

Pruss said that East Bay Labor Journal was doing well, and asked the present editor if he cared to speak to the delegates since this was probably the last meeting of the council he would attend as editor.

Burgess said that the policy of the paper had long been to publish the news, both good and bad; and to comment aggressively on it editorially, including some criticism of things the editor felt to be going wrong in the labor movement itself; and that he hoped this policy would be continued.

Chilaers had previously reminded the delegates that at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 25, the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council were holding a buffet supper in connection with the editor's retirement, at Goodman's, Jack London Hall, 10 Jack London Square, Oakland, and said he hoped many delegates would attend.

CARPETS: A WARNING

A warning by Linoleum & Carpet Layers Local 1290 that even some labor home owners are being taken in by smooth talking salesmen of inferior carpeting which is laid by nonunion workers will be reported more fully in the next issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

SIGN PAINTERS SANCTION

The request of Sign Painters 878 for strike sanction against the outdoor advertising, commercial, and neon sign shops was granted, having been recommended by the Board of Business Agents.

A delegate from Local 878 said that now that his union was in negotiation with the industry it wished to have steps taken to clean up the situation in one neon sign shop, where nonunion painters had been coming in to work while union craftsmen of other skills were out on the job. He said that his union would not wish to sign any contract agreed on in negotiations so long as one was allowing such conditions.

Pruss said that the business agents of the crafts which worked in that shop would get together and straighten it out.

BTC CONTRACTS

It was announced that BTC contracts had been signed by Al Sposetto, concrete contractor; Jess Torres, cement contractor; A. S. Allen, demolition contractor; and William Koplin, owner-builder.

CO-OP HOUSING PROJECT

Childers reported that the cooperative apartments building project which the council is sponsoring at no cost to itself is soon to start in Hayward, as only a couple of formal approvals were being awaited.

SITE PICKETING BILL

The bill in Congress to reverse the ruling that prevents picketing a job when a subcontractor is nonunion had been reported out by a committee of the House, Childers said, but was facing trouble in the all-powerful and very conservative Rules Committee, which often prevents a bill from reaching the floor for a vote.

EXPENSIVE PROCEDURE

The BTC business representative commented on a case which the building trades in Santa Ana in Riverside County had just won by going to court and to the NLRB and complaining that a subcontractor was using Mine Workers District 50 members on a job for which the general contractor had signed up with the AFLCIO building trades.

Childers said that the NLRB had held that if the job had been picketed, this would have been illegal, and the unions couldn't have won their case.

"This is just one more illustration of the expensive procedure we're being pushed into," said Childers. "A couple of days picketing would have cost about $50, but this case undoubtedly cost the Santa Ana building tradesmen at least $1500 to win, and they're lucky if it cost no more than that."

Thoman says carpenters encounter unemployment

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, reported to the Central Labor Council that at a recent conference of business agents it was brought out clearly that all over the State carpenters in large numbers are unemployed, "including several thousand in the Bay Area".

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Labor economists think mid-year crisis looms

WASHINGTON—Current signs point to a "considerable slowdown" in the economy about mid-year, setting the stage for another recession, the AFLCIO has warned in urging "positive steps" to boost sales,production and jobs.

"Prosperity or basis of recession?" was the choice posed in the latest issue of Labor's Economic Review, monthly publication of the AFLCIO Dept. of Research.—**AFLCIO News.**

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Manufacturing jobs rise less than since 1958 in Henning's State summary

California manufacturing employment rose less than seasonally in March, and the gain from a year ago was the smallest for any 12-month period since December 1958, State Director of Industrial Relations John F. Henning reported.

The March count of 1,276,500 manufacturing wage and salary workers was up by 3,200 from the previous month, and by 28,000 or 2 percent, from a year ago.

Henning said that the net increase of 3,200 in factory jobs between February and March of this year was considerably smaller than normal. The usual seasonal gains in food processing, lumber, and apparel were cut into by a drop of almost 5,000 in the aircraft workforce, plus some other nonseasonal declines in electrical equipment and other industries.

Aside from aircraft, almost all industries reported higher employment this March than a year ago.

East Lake Democrats to hear Assemblyman Crown at big meeting April 28

The East Lake Democrats solicit the attendance of all interested citizens at their regular membership meeting Thursday evening, April 28, 8 p.m. at Park Boulevard Recreation Building, Park Blvd. and Newton Ave., Oakland.

Crown will speak on current and future legislation and political action. He is now in the national capitol with his subcommittee on elections and reapportionment which has the responsibility of redistricting the state to provide for the seven new Congressional Districts which California expects to gain as a result of the 1960 census.

Refreshments will be served, says President Newt Elder.

Partex Corp. nonunion

International Association of Machinists District Lodge No. 87 at Fresno has notified the Central Labor Council that Partex Corporation of Fresno is nonunion. The company rebuilds automotive starters, generators, shock absorbers and fuel pumps.

Labor asking who killed San Luis Project measure

By a voice vote the House of Representatives Committee on Rules refused to give clearance to the California San Luis Project Authorization Bill (H.R. 7155 —Sisk) for House action.

The refusal, interpreted by Washington observers as possibly blocking the federal-state joint project for this year, has Californians asking, "Who killed Cock Robin?"

Under the San Luis bill, provision is made for federal construction of the San Luis unit of the CVP in cooperation with the state, as the San Luis facilities would serve both water deliveries by the federal government on the San Joaquin Valley's west side, and by the state via the San Joaquin Valley-Los Angeles aqueduct under the proposed 1.75 billion dollar water bond program.

As passed by the United States Senate last year, with the strong and active support of the AFL-CIO and the California Labor Federation, a section was removed from the bill which would have permitted the state water deliveries to utilize federally subsidized facilities without the application of the nation's reclamation law protections against monopoly and speculation.

Major landed monopoly interests in this state, who are seeking to use the device of state water deliveries under the California water program as a means of escaping these protections, vigorously opposed the Senate action, and on the House side last year succeeded in gaining approval of the House version (H.R. 7155) by the House Interior Committee with the exemption provision in the bill. Ever since that action the measure has been waiting in the House Rules Committee for clearance for floor action.

Jet air age dangers are shown in union booklet

NEW YORK — New dangers to the lives and health of ground crew workers brought on by the jet age in air line operations are spelled out by the Air Transport Division of the Transport Workers in a new booklet that suggests specific precautions on how to avoid them. — **AFLCIO News.**

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Jim Cross is suffering attrition by election

Attrition by NLRB elections might be a good term for what is happening to Jim Cross' Bakery & Confectionery Workers in Oakland. In every such election that has been held here the Jim Cross B&C has lost some members.

In the last one the AFLCIO's American Bakery & Confectionery Workers, or ABC as it is commonly called, picked up some more members and Jim Cross lost 'em. Moreover, as Patrick D'Angelo of the ABC pointed out in his open letter to the local B&C which was printed in last week's East Bay Labor Journal, in the most recent election the ABC won majorities in the plants of Kilpatricks, Langendorf Bread, Homekraft, Safeway and Continental Bakers. But since these plants were counted as belonging to one unit with some other plants, they're still under Jim Cross.

Something a little more dynamic than attrition by election seemed involved, however, when recently in St. Louis 80 officers of 48 locals of the Jim Cross union held a three-day conference to consider plans for ousting Cross and bringing the B&C back into the AFLCIO. These men claim that they represent 36,800 of perhaps 62,000 members remaining in Jim Cross' hands since his union was expelled by the AFLCIO on findings that the international union was run by corrupt elements.

Their hands weren't clean

Doctors who have done so much through their AMA to hold off medical care for the aged as outlined in the Forand bill are of course very glad to have had the assistance of their traditional partners, the undertakers. They also are doubtless proud of the infallibility they have shown in the past.

Take the case of the European physician some hundred years ago who had the audacity to announce that he believed the reason so many women died in childbirth was because they had been attended by physicians who had not properly cleansed their hands after attending autopsies of mothers who had died of what was then called childbirth fever. This physician was hounded out of his profession by fellow physicians, and Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, father of our famous Supreme Court liberal, almost lost his Harvard job for defending him.

Time proved Holmes was right that time. But the good old AMA is ALWAYS right!

Hooray for Ray!

Ray Cirimeli has many friends in his own union, as well as many in other unions, but even Ray was a little surprised when he found Tuesday of last week how many neighbors in his home town of Albany feel so friendly toward him and have so much confidence in his integrity and ability that they'll go to the polls and elect him to the City Council.

He was top man in the voting, so to say the least he joins the Albany City Council with the pressure of his fellow citiens pushing him forward to the good things we're sure he'll do for his city.

Of course, Ray in his modest way might say that Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees Local 302 is in the habit of producing good civic leaders, such folks as Presidents of Labor Councils and Members of Congress, and that he's just carrying on the tradition.

But none of that modest stuff, Ray! We're darned proud of you!

Then there's one man...

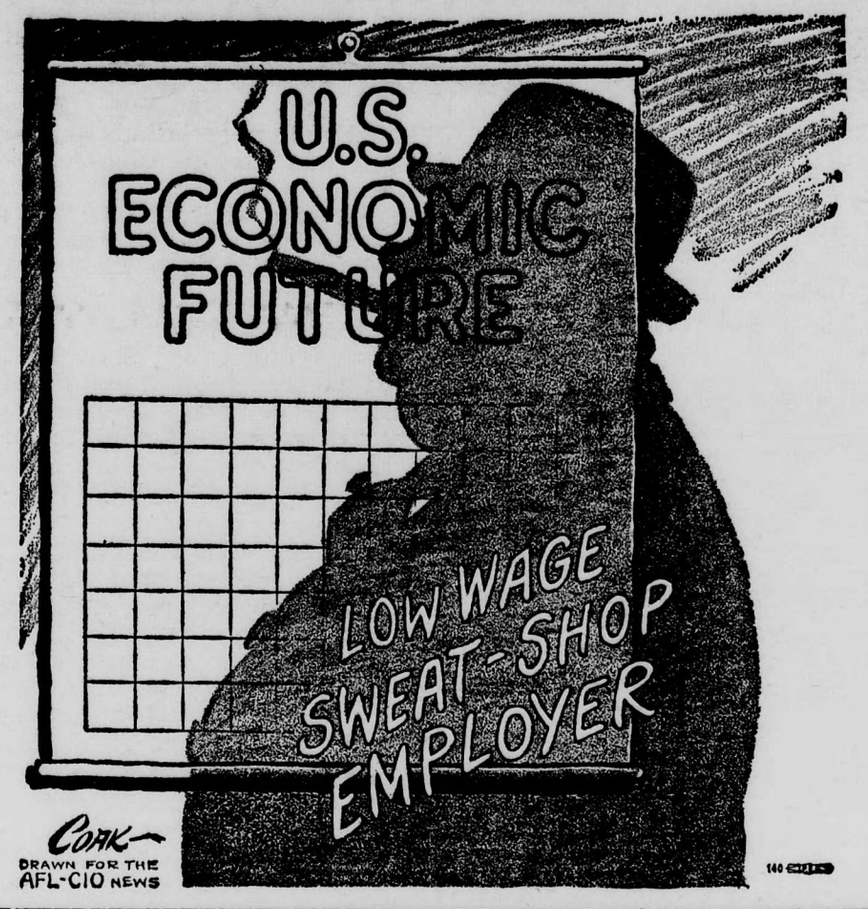
"Why should I do anything for the Government? The Government has never done anything for me."

That's what a man in Detroit told a woman census taker just before he thrust her out of the house, announcing that he wouldn't answer the Government's questions, because he "doesn't live in Russia."

Unfortunately, he said openly what many socalled Americans think secretly. They think taxes are an outrage, they won't register, they won't vote.

Then there's one man who has been living in the White House for some seven years and four months who is so ashamed of the Government's power to do good for the people that he constantly tries to reduce that power to do good by turning over power to private interests bent on exploiting the people and destroying their trade unions.

Shadow on the Graph



OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

M. REIS writes to our editor: "Been reading your paper on the stand you take for fluoridation of the water for the East Bay. I don't really think you know what fluoride is; if you did you would not advocate having it put into public drinking water. Information of what fluoride is: it's made of the residue from aluminum stuff that was used to make poison to kill rats. But this didn't make money for people, so they turn around and start to put it in public drinking water, with the propaganda that it stops cavities in children's teeth . . . If fluoride is put in our water that will be forced medication. That is not the American way."

(Editor's Note: This letter is typical of some of the bitter criticism of this well tested method of aiding dental health which will go on the June 7 ballot, and which we hope all labor people will vote for. Rat poison, indeed! Rats!)

FRED WELLS, 1241 11th avenue, Oakland, who has written us before on his belief that the Old South would get along fine, if only we damyankees would leave it alone, has now, he writes us, after reading some of our recent editorials, "about decided, as have a lot of my friends, that you're a very good tool of the money bags of the Republican Party. The whole 'Negro question' in the South was cooked up by and for the money bags of the Republican Party to split the Democratic Party, so the Republicans can win the top offices. As a man who knows both sides of the story, it's sickening to me to see so many people being taken in by this Republican scheme . . . A lot of Republican money is financing these trouble-making college students in the South."

(Editor's Note: Glad to hear that Brother Wells knows both sides of the story.)

ALBERT G. COOLING, 540 Lafayette avenue , San Leandro, member of Millmen 550, writes: "I gather from your editorials that you are in favor of equal rights and opportunities for Negroes in South Africa and the Southern States of U.S. This is a very easy stand to take and takes a minimum of courage. Should they have equal rights and opportunities in all the labor unions that have locals in the Bay Region? If this is not true for all the unions in this area, would you care to name locals and ask why? Soon again we will have to ask these Negroes to help us defeat the next 'right to work' bill. Now, if I were a Negro, I would ask myself what the point is of helping to keep the unions strong if some unions use this strength to keep me from getting a job."

(Editor's Note: Brother Cooling is right that it "takes a very minimum of courage" at this distance from South Africa or South Mississippi to bombard those parts of the world with an editorial peashooter. Our one regret is that in some unions in the North and West more leaders—and members—haven't displayed at least that "very minimum of courage.")

MRS. M. D. EDWARDS, San Leandro, thinks Mrs. Heitz in her letter in our March 25 issue deserves admiration for her honesty "in stating publicly what many others **think** privately . . . about strikes and the financial suffering a striker's family must endure. Then, I would suggest to her, and to other wives, that they begin to educate themselves on the subject of unionism . . . The history of unionism, the fight for survival, the gain in human dignity for the working man and his family, the abolishing of child labor and aid to education, are all subjects worth going into. If, after studying these, you don't end up feeling that you are part of the most worthwhile crusade in life today, I would suggest you quit working and go into business for yourself. Strikes ARE costly and no one wants them, but as in war, they are sometimes forced upon us. My husband has twice been called into active service for his country, and the financial losses we suffered during those YEARS make a strike seem like a picnic. The parallel of war and strikes may escape you; both are caused by something threatening our way of life and livelihood . . . In both cases, when the chips are down we must fight in the best way we can, and to WIN. In any fight there is suffering. If we will look for the union label to begin with, we may alleviate the strikes before they begin."

(Editor's Note: As every editor knows, it's the women who write the best letters, no matter which side they're writing on.)

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WE NEVER LEARN?

We have been regulating railroads for 72 years, but neither this instance nor a hundred others of governmental regulations have brought forth even the rudiments of a theory of regulation. — **George J. Stigler, University of Chicago.**

WE ARE NOT PRICED OUT OF MARKET!

After anti-union forces had persuaded many gullible people that labor was causing inflation and was featherbedding, indications were that the next big campaign would be to contend that labor had "priced us out of the world market." But the following, in the New York Times financial section April 3, casts some light on that subject:

The fairly widespread contention that American products are being priced out of world markets is given practically no support in detailed export data of recent months.

Examination of figures by commodity and product classes of exports since last August shows generally a moderate to vigorous rise in most branches of trade. A study of the data for a six-month period from last August to January of this year, in fact, tends to provide an effective antidote for the prieed-out-of-the-market phobia.

This six-month period is an appropriate basis for appraising the export trend because it has been one of sustained improvement. It also represents the latest six months for which detailed export statistics are available.

The figures, compiled by the United States Department of Commerce, show a gain of nearly 7 per cent in commercial exports in comparison with a like six-month period a year before. In the latest six months (August through January), the volume of commercial exports was $8,43,-000,000. In the corresponding year-before period the export volume was $7,925,000,000.

The gain of more than $500,-000,000 in the recent six months ended a steady downward trend dating roughly from the end of 1957. This downtrend, which stirred much of the consternation over American exort competitiveness, reflected a general and relatively moderate decline in world trade as a whole.

Among items indicative of economic development that have made sizable export gains are construction and power equipment; textile and general machinery; tractors and parts and trucks. Exports of office machines, which are something of a bellwether of business activity abroad, also have shown a marked increase.

Consumers busted

Increased unemployment during the last quarter of 1959 accounts for the fact that consumers are having a tougher time paying their debts, according to the American Collectors Association.

The Association, which represents 2,200 bill collection agencies, reports that it was harder to collect payment of overdue consumer debts during the final '59 quarter than it was at any time during the year.

And the **average size of claim** rose by $11.65 during the year to $57.54, while the average payment received from debtors increased by only 72 cents. — **COPE.**

"Only consumer . . ."

The morals and political activities of a large Canadian industry were exposed to public view during the combines' charges against Canadian Breweries Ltd., before the Ontario Supreme Court recently.

In a memo from Carlings to E. P. Taylor, chairman of the Brewing Corporation of Canada (now Canadian Breweries) price cutting is described as "the most vicious form of competition that we could possibly engage in, as, eventually, nobody benefits but the consumer." — **Canadian Labour.**